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Sir:

Please amend the application as directed below in order to  
place the claims in better form for consideration on appeal.